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SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

SUMMARY: COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN FROM POLAND WAS  
ASKED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SWENSON TO HEAD THE  
SMALL DRAFTING GROUP WHICH MET ALL DAY WEDNESDAY,  
ADJOURNING AT 10:30 P.M. DRAFT REPORT COVERING FOUR  
ITEMS TO BE TABLED AT THURSDAY'S RESUMED PLENARY  
SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. SMALL DRAFTING GROUP MET TUESDAY EVENING TO  
DEVELOP THE FOLLOWING AGENDA AND WORK ASSIGNMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMISSION: ORGANI-  
ZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SET-  
TLEMENTS, AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COM-  
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MISSION, AND DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR THE NEXT MEETING.  
AUSTRALIA AND FRG PREPARED A DRAFT WORKING PAPER.

B. PROPOSED PROGRAM OF THE HABITAT CENTRE:  
PROGRAM PRIORITIES AND COMPONENTS TO CARRY OUT THE  
PROGRAM. MEXICO AND ARGENTINA PREPARED A DRAFT  
WORKING PAPER.

C. GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF HABITAT CENTRE:  
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES. JAMAICA AND  
KENYA PREPARED A DRAFT WORKING PAPER.

D. REGIONALIZATION OF WORK OF COMMISSION AND  
OF CENTRE: CANADA AND INDIA PREPARED DRAFT WORKING  
PAPER.

2. WEDNESDAY'S MEETING BEGAN WITH BRIEFING BY  
ECOSOC SECRETARIAT (CORDOVEZ) ON STATUS OF THE  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, THE RULES OF  
PROCEDURE THE COMMISSION SHOULD USE, THE LOCATION  
OF FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS, AND THE FREQUENCY  
OF COMMISSION MEETINGS. IN SUMMARY: COMMISSION  
IS SUBSIDIARY BODY OF ECOSOC, SINCE GA TRANSFORMED  
FORMER TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND  
PLANNING INTO A BODY OF GOVERNMENTS BY RESOLUTION  
78/1; ECOSOC RULES OF PROCEDURE ARE TO BE USED  
(RULE 27); MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD AT THE ESTABLISHED  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMISSION (NAIROBI, ACCORDING  
TO RESOLUTION 31/140; BIENNIAL MEETINGS ARE STANDARD,  
BUT RESOLUTION 32/162 UNCLEAR, SEEMS TO SUGGEST  
ANNUAL MEETINGS AS FOR UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL.

3. DRAFT WORKING PAPERS WERE DISTRIBUTED AS EACH  
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AGENDA ITEM WAS DISCUSSED. WHILE DRAFTING GROUP  
CHAIRMAN TRIED TO LIMIT DISCUSSION TO PRINCIPLES  
AND CONCEPTS, MUCH TIME WAS SPENT ON EDITING, THE  
MEANING OF WORDS, LEGAL FINE POINTS, ETC. DIS-  
CUSSION DOMINATED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PERMANENT  
MISSIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF IRAN, INDIA, FRANCE,  
UNITED KINGDOM, AND JAMAICA.

4. ALL DRAFT WORKING PAPERS WERE TO BE REVISED  
CONSIDERABLY, IN LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS, AND ARE  
EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED TO THURSDAY'S PLENARY  
SESSION AS THE BASIS FOR SCHEDULED FORMAL MEETING.

5. MOST SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONCERNED WITH  
DESIRE OF JAMAICA AND KENYA TO HIGHLIGHT THE  
FOUNDATION (UNHHSF) IN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF  
HABITAT CENTRE WHICH WAS COUNTERED BY THE EMPHASIS  
ON INTEGRATION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NETHERLANDS;  
THE NEED TO INDICATE PROGRAM PRIORITIES AND TO  
GIVE GUIDANCE TO THE FORTHCOMING PREPARATION OF THE  
MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1980-83 AND THE LACK OF TIME  
AT THIS COMMISSION MEETING TO DO SO ADEQUATELY;

AND THE JOINT STAFFING OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
UNITS ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WITH DIRECT-HIRE  
SPECIALISTS AND SPECIALISTS FROM THE HABITAT CENTRE  
VERSUS THE PERMANENT DEPLOYMENT OF CENTRE PERSONNEL  
TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. CONCLUSIONS REACHED  
WERE NOT VERY DEFINITIVE AND WILL AWAIT THE  
REDRAFTING AND COMBINING OF THE FOUR DRAFT WORKING  
PAPERS INTO A WORKING PAPER TO BE PRESENTED TO AND  
DISCUSSED BY THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE COMMISSION  
ON THURSDAY. LEONARD

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